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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated June 12, 2001, the following remarks traversing the several grounds for rejection are presented.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-14 are presently active in this case.

Claims 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Karabed et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,095,484) in view of Ino (U.S. Patent No. 6,154,504), and Claims 8-12 were allowed.

First, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that Claims 8-12 contain allowable subject matter.